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SUBJECT: UNGA ARMS CONTROL ISSUES

REFS: (A) BONN 16027; (B) STATE 224194

1. ON SEPTEMBER 6, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AND MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS HELMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS, MET WITH FRG OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, DR. CITRON, FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF UN DISARMAMENT ISSUES. DURING THE COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON CITRON MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

SSOD: CITRON EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING THE SSOD. HE STATED HIS FEAR THAT ALL THE PROPOSALS WHICH HAD FAILED DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE REINTRODUCED, IF ONLY FOR PRESTIGE REASONS, IN THE FIRST

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COMMITTEE DURING THE COMING WEEKS. IN THIS CONTEXT CITRON REQUESTED THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS DURING THE FORTHCOMING SESSION BETWEEN THE US AND THE NINE, AND INDICATED THAT THIS SHOULD BE FACILITATED BY THE FRG PRESIDENCY OF THAT GROUP. CITRON ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF EACH DELEGATION DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO UNDERTAKE A LIAISON FUNCTION I ON

ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. HELMAN SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS SUGGESTION.

2. FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY:

CITRON CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH CAN BE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE THE VERIFICATION PROPOSAL IN THE UNGA AS AN ITEM LEFT OVER FROM THE SSOD. CITRON RELATED THAT INITIAL FRG SUPPORT OF FRENCH PROPOSAL RESULTED FROM LACK OF AWARENESS OF US CONCERNS WITH IT. HE STATED THAT FRENCH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REINTRODUCE THIS AS WELL AS THEIR OTHER PROPOSALS, "IF ANYTHING WITH WORSE LANGUAGE." CITRON SAID THAT HAVING MADE THE COMMITMENT, FRG WILL HAVE TO SUPPORT THE FRENCH TO THE DEGREE THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. AT THE SAME TIME HE NO LONGER SENSES THE STRONG FRENCH INTEREST IN THESE ISSUES THAT EXISTED SIX MONTHS AGO. HE STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR FRG IF US WOULD PROVIDE VIEWS OUTLINING US CONCERNS WITH FRENCH INITIATIVE. THIS WOULD PROVIDE GERMANS THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO RETHINK THEIR POSITION ON THIS MATTER. CITRON ALSO REPORTED THAT RUTH WOULD BE VISITING PARIS SEPTEMBER 8 AND EXPECTED TO TAKE UP UNGA ARMS CONTROL ISSUES.

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CD: CITRON EXPRESSED FRG CONCERNS THAT THE CURRENT TWO POWER LEADERSHIP WOULD BE REPLACED BY FOUR POWER NUCLEAR LEADERSHIP GROUP. AS REGARD SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS, HE STATED AN FRG PREFERENCE FOR MOVING DIRECTLY FOR THE SELECTION OF EIGHT RATHER THAN FIVE NEW MEMBERS. FIVE WOULD BE AN INADEQUATE NUMBER FROM A EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW. FRG WOULD FAVOR AUSTRALIA AND A NATO MEMBER, WITH SOME SYMPATHY ALSO EXISTING FOR AUSTRIA OR SPAIN AS A NON-ALIGNED. THIS WOULD RESULT IN THREE WESTERN AND FIVE NON-ALIGNED. FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ARE OBVIOUSLY NEEDED ON THIS ISSUE.

4. CITRON INDICATED THAT AS FAR AS NATO WAS CONCERNED, GERMANS WERE HAPPY THAT FRENCH AND BRITISH APPEARED TO BE LEANING TOWARD BELGUIM, BUT WOULD LIKE TO

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SEE A CONSENSUS DEVELOP IN NATO TO AVOID ALIENATING DENMARK, OR OTHERS WHO HAVE STRONG INTEREST. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS DENMARK MIGHT BE OFFERED VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP IN THE REVIVED UNDC AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

5. CITRON INDICATED FRG OPPOSITION TO ANY PLANS TO DEVELOP ROTATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS TO SATISFY EXPANSIONIST DEMANDS. WE ALREADY HAVE NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR GROUPS, HE SAID, AND FURTHER CATEGORIZATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED. CITRON STATED THAT IN A ROTATIONAL FRAMEWORK, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT FRG WOULD BE ROTATED OUT WHILE GDR WOULD REMAIN. ADDITIONALLY, A CONSENSUS ALREADY EXISTS THAT THE MAJOR MILITARY POWERS SHOULD STAY IN. MEEHAN

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